## Community takes stand demanding tarred road

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COMMUNITY members, including motorists, have barricaded the road between Matatiele and Maluti, demanding the road be tarred or paved.

Roads leading to a local police station and two clinics have had trenches dug up by community members who are demanding water, electricity and roads.

Matatiele police spokesman Captain Raphael Motloung said yesterday no arrests were made. Motloung said protesters blocked parts of the road with stones and rubbish, which they set alight.

A meeting between the Department of Public Works and community members to find a solution collapsed last Wednesday.

Department of transport spokeswoman Khuselwa Rantjie said the road in question was a municipal road, but the mayor of Matatiele Local Municipality, Momelezi Mbedla, could not be reached for comment at the time of going to print. — ziphon@dispatch.co.za